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WORK PEANUTS

SUCCESSFULLY

First Car of Peanut Oil From Oklahoma Was Shipped This Week.

The plan of W. F. Pendleton, manager of the Durant Cotton Oil Company and several other oil mills in this section, to utilize cotton seed working machinery for the making of peanut products is a pronounced success. This much was admitted by Mr. Pendleton in conversation with a News reporter this morning, after he had returned from the company's Boswell plant, where the experiments were being made.

As announced early in the fall, when Mr. Pendleton's plan was given publicity, the only fear he had regarding the venture was the ability of the company to find a satisfactory market for the products after they had been made. This question also has been solved, and Chicago packers are buying the entire output of oil, which they utilize in the making of oleomargarine, butterine, and high grade salad dressings. In fact, peanut oil is used in much the same way as cotton seed oil, and the two oils may be used to compete against each other, the peanut oil seeming to have a slight advantage in qualities over the cotton seed oil. The first straight car of peanut oil ever shipped from Oklahoma left Boswell on Wednesday in a large tank car, billed for Chicago.

After the oil has been pressed from the nuts there is left what is known as the cake. This when it is ground makes a very fine meal, excellent for stock feeding and very rich in protein, making a close rival to cotton seed meal for feeding purposes. The cake is also sold sometimes in that form for feeding.

According to Mr. Pendleton's statement the same presses, conveyors, and other machinery used in the making of cotton seed products are used for making the peanut products, only a very few inexpensive pieces of additional machinery being required. The Durant Cotton Oil Company is the first in Oklahoma to attempt to make peanut products with cotton oil machinery. The success of the venture is very important to this community.

So far this season the Boswell plant has worked up 130 tons of peanuts, ten car loads, and could have handled twice that amount had the peanuts been available. No attempt to do the work at the local mill has been made, as enough nuts to keep the plant running for any length of time were not available.

Another advantageous feature of the working of peanuts here is the fact that the peanut raisers have been afforded a quick and ready market for peanuts, and Mr. Pendleton's expressed intention of making the peanut business a permanent adjunct to the oil company business practically insures a market for all the peanuts that Bryan and adjoining counties can grow another season.

FOOTBALL RECEPTION

In honor of the victorious Durant High School football team the High School faculty tendered the team a reception last Friday night at the High School building, which was attended by almost the entire student body, faculty and team. At ten o'clock a light lunch was served, and the following program was carried out:

Appreciation of the Team — Mr. Whitney.

From the Sidelines — Mr. George Pettey.

The Bumps We Had to Take — Mr. Fred Gumm.

How We Played in a Pinch — Mr. Bryan Lyday.

On the Defensive — Mr. Hubert Tindall.

Our Method for Next Year — Mr. Joe Helbach.

The Coach's Point of View — Mr. Wortman.

AFTER INDIAN LEGISLATURE

V. M. Locke, of Antlers, Oklahoma, principal chief of the Choctaws, is in Washington and will be joined by Governor Johnston of the Chickasaws after a few days to look after the Indian legislation this winter. The Oklahoma delegation will ask for a per capita payment of \$300 for the Choctaws and \$200 for the Chickasaws.

WANT TO SPEND

MONEY OF THE INDIANS

The Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma come in for a large share of the Indian appropriation recommended by the Treasury Department. For management of their affairs \$175,000 is recommended, for the pay of probate attorneys \$85,000, Cherokee Indian Training School \$40,000, Oklahoma common school fund for the Five Tribes \$275,000, fulfilling the treaty with Choctaws \$10,520, Choctaw and Chickasaw Sanitarium, \$20,000, and oil and gas inspectors \$25,000.

TWO ARE HELD ON

JAIL-BREAKING CHARGES

Tom Wells and John Murphee were examined before Judge Rappaport Monday and held in \$500 bail each for breaking jail several weeks ago. Wells was captured at a southern Texas point recently and returned to Durant, while Murphee, according to his father, came in and gave himself up immediately after getting away. At the time of Murphee's return the News printed an item, on information from the sheriff's office, to the effect that Murphee had been arrested at Kenefick by Forbes LeFlore and brought to Durant. Murphee's father, C. M. Murphee, of Kenefick, took exception. He informs the News that as soon as his son arrived in Kenefick he saw that he had done wrong in making a getaway, and he phoned the sheriff's office that he was returning and that he did so without an escort.

MAKES GOOD GRADES

IN UNIVERSITY

E. H. Stewart has received word from his son, Dan, who is now in his junior year in the State University, in which he tells of his work and the grades he is making. For the fall term work Dan made the following grades, which are way beyond those of the average student: Mathematics, A; Archeology, B; Spanish, B; and other grades proportionately good.

DEATH OF S. S. LYDAY

S. S. Lyday, aged 83 years, one of the oldest citizens of the community, answered the last call last Friday night at 11:30 o'clock. Mr. Lyday had been afflicted with cancer for many years, and was a patient sufferer. Interment was made Saturday at Celeste, Texas, his former home. Mr. Lyday is survived by a wife and his children, as follows: Mrs. Clarence Dyer of Durant; Dr. Alva Lyday, of West, Texas; Horace Lyday, of Durant, and a married daughter at Celeste, Texas.

"SHOOT TO KILL"

IS INSTRUCTIONS

Dallas, Tex., has been literally overrun with all sorts of crooks and stick-up men this fall and winter and hold-ups, and shootings and black-jacking have been every-night occurrences. The Dallas chief of police has his "Irish up". He has put extra men on the force and has instructed them to get these criminals and shoot to kill, if necessary to stop them.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

TO BE HELD IN ST. LOUIS

Dallas has lost out. The fight for the Democratic national convention to be held in that city was a loser and St. Louis got the prize. The cry was that the convention in St. Louis was necessary to make Missouri democratic, and this plea is probably what won the deal for St. Louis. Chicago was after it, too, but didn't have a chance. The convention will be held June 14th.

FAIR STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET

The stockholders of the Bryan County Livestock and Agricultural Ass'n will hold their annual meeting here next Tuesday, December 14th, when it is desired that all stockholders be present. The meeting is called to meet at the office of the secretary, Richard Nicols, but it is likely that the session will have to be held in the court room. Election of officers for the coming year will be taken up, and other business.

BRYAN WANTS WILSON

TO SEEK PEACE

Ex-Secretary of State Bryan is attempting to induce President Wilson to offer his services as a mediator of the differences between the European powers looking to permanent peace. Mr. Bryan believes that the President can secure from each of the belligerents a statement of what terms they would accept for peace. Mr. Wilson is not quoted as accepting or rejecting Mr. Bryan's suggestion.

WORKING UP PEANUTS

AT BOSWELL MILL

Fred Pendleton, manager of the Durant Cotton Oil Company, and several cotton oil mills and also in the southeastern part of Oklahoma, went to Boswell Wednesday to see what success is being had in making peanut products with cotton oil machinery. As was announced in the News several weeks ago, this concern would buy peanuts in any quantity and would attempt to work them up at their Boswell plant. At that time it was stated that about the only difficulty in the way of the plan was the finding of a market for what they made. At press time Mr. Pendleton had not been interviewed as to the conclusions reached from his visit to the Boswell plant, and what measure of success he is meeting with in the venture could not be learned.

GONE TO BISBEE, ARIZONA

S. R. Criswell, for six years district court reporter, accompanied by his wife and children, left Tuesday for Bisbee, Arizona, where he has a position offered him and where he will make his future home. Bisbee is where Sam Kyle is located, and it is through Sam's influence that Criswell is going west.

CITY SCHOOLS CLOSE THE 23RD.

Durant schools will close on Thursday, the 23rd, for a two weeks' vacation for the holidays. Almost every country school will close for the regular holiday vacation for from three days to two weeks.

COUNTY TO GRADE STATE HIGHWAY

Three Routes Traverse County—Commissioners Find Tractor to be Very Efficient in Work on the Public Roads of the County.

Every mile of road in Bryan County which is a part of the designated State Highway will be graded with the county's new steam tractor, according to a statement issued by Chairman Gray Nickels of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday.

There are three designated state highways, each traversing the county, and all of them together taking in almost every town and village in the county. One of the routes crosses the north part of the county east and west. This route enters the county between sections 3 and 10, Township 5 South, Range 8 East, and runs east through Kenefick to Caddo, crossing the Blue River, and east from Caddo through Matoy and Cade to the east side of the county, ending between sections 21 and 28, Township 5 South, Range 13 East. The north and south route enters the county at Section 3, Township 5 South, and Range 10 East, and runs south along the Katy through Caddo, to Armstrong, thence south to Durant, following what is known as the Caddo and Blue road. From Durant south two miles, east two miles, south one mile, east two miles, and south to Roberta. Thence east eight miles, and three miles south to Albany, thence to Wade, where it terminates.

The other, east and west, enters the county on the west side, between sections 25 and 29, Township 6 South, Range 7 East, thence along the Frisco railroad line through Mead and Keirsey to Durant, thence east along the Frisco through Pirtle, Blue, Bokelito, Bennington, to the east side of the county, where it terminates between sections 16 and 21, Township 6 South, and Range 13 East.

The commissioners, Messrs. Nickels, Spears and Hultman, went out to Roberta Tuesday where the tractor was at work, and report that the work is entirely satisfactory in every way. The tractor pulls two seven-foot road graders, and grades about three miles of road to every one mile that can be graded by the same number of graders pulled by horsepower. In addition to the increased amount of work done there is a substantial saving in the cost of doing the work. Under the old way, eight teams of horses and six men were required to handle two graders. With the tractor, three men handle the machinery, and do three times the work. According to Mr. Nickels, the operation of the tractor and two graders costs the county only fourteen dollars a day, as against twice that amount using horses.

Dick Metcalf, one of the men at work with the outfit, had his left leg badly broken Tuesday and the right foot badly crushed. Metcalf was handling a road plow hooked to the tractor, but in front of the head grader. It was supposed that in handling the plow he walked to one side of the front wheels of the grader, but this time it seems that he got in front of it, and the wheels caught his legs. He was taken home and medical assistance called, and was resting easily at last reports.

REPAIRING FAULTY AWNING

The awning in front of the Johnson & Marshall Co. office, and the telephone office is being repaired this week, account of faulty construction. The awning, which is one of the self-sustaining kind, was not properly anchored away from the wall of the building and the pull exerted by the guy rods has gradually but surely pulled the awning against the window casings until the have gotten three inches out of plumb. The roof will be taken off, and the awning jacked out from the walls and anchored.

FORD'S PEACE SHIP EN ROUTE

The specially chartered ship of Henry Ford, the multimillionaire automobile manufacturer, left Saturday from the port of New York carrying along some 115 prominent Americans who will seek to find means for bringing peace to war-ridden Europe. Mr. Ford says it is his intention to remain there until peace is arranged off.

If You Have Not Seen These

Suits, Overcoats And Hats

—then you have not seen the best values that are being offered in Durant, this season. In Fit, Quality and Style these clothes are thoroughbreds.

It is not a question now of whether you are going to buy a Suit or Overcoat. Cold crisp weather has decided already that you buy it now. The question for you to decide is—Where To Buy Them.

Men and Young Men find just what they want in these clothes. Every Suit or Overcoat is guaranteed by the manufacturers and by us to be as represented. At prices we ask, you are getting the utmost in value—

\$10, \$15, \$18, \$20

Our Hat Service Is Unusual

Because we give you a becoming fit in addition to a large number of blocks of Noname and Stetson to select from at—

\$3.00 and \$3.50

YES, we have the high grade Stetsons at \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00 in all staple shapes.

New Patterns in Eagle Shirts

Greatest \$1.00 and \$1.50 Shirts on the market—Ask to see them.

Boys Want a New Suit or Overcoat For Xmas

You can't make him happier than to bring him here and outfit him from head to foot.

Holiday Neckwear

Coming In

See the new patterns. Very striking and priced very interesting for gift seekers.

Durant Mercantile Co.
Suits and Overcoats
\$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00
\$7.50, \$8.50, \$10

